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1. IT WAS ANNOUNCED MAY 24 THAT THE GOI HAS ISSUED A PROCLAMATION
EXTENDING IRAN'S FISHING ZONE TO THE MEDIAN LINE OF THE SEA OF
OMAN. IN CONTRAST TO MAY 12 ANNOUNCEMENT (REFTEL), LATEST
PROCLAMATION IS IN FACE A NEW FISHING LIMIT CLAIM BY GOI.

2. GOI PROCLAMATION STATES THAT EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE OF IRAN
IN THE SEA OF OMAN, SPECIFIED IN THE PROCLAMATION OF OCTOBER 30,
1973 AS 50 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINES FROM WHICH THE BREADTH
OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF IRAN IS MEASURED, HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO
THE MEDIAN LINE OF THE SEA OF OMAN, EVERY POINT OF WHICH IS EQUI-
DISTANT FROM THE NEAREST POINTS OF THE BASELINES FROM WHICH THE
BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEAS OF IRAN AND OMAN ARE MEASURED.
THE OUTER LIMITS DRAWN ON MARITIME CHARTS, ACCORDING TO
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THE PROCLAMATION.

3. COMMENT: IN RESPONSE TO QUERY FROM EMBOFF, HEAD OF
MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND LOS REPRESENTATIVE KAZEMI SAID NO
FORMAL BILATERAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN IRAN AND
OMAN BUT A JOINT COMMUNIQUE MAY BE ISSUED IN THE FUTURE. WHEN
ASKED FOR DATE OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES

INVOLVED, KAZEMI REPLIED, "LET'S JUST SAY WE HAVE OMAN'S
CONSENT". ACCORDING TO KAZEMI, OMAN HAS ALSO EXTENDED ITS
FISHING LIMIT CLAIM TO THE MEDIAN LINE OF THE SEA OF OMAN.
SINCE GULF OF OMAN IS APPROXIMATELY 230 NAUTICAL MILES WIDE AT
MOUTH, THIS NEW CLAIMS EFFECTIVELY EXTENDS IRAN'S FISHING CLAIM
AN ADDITIONAL 76 NAUTICAL MILES IN THAT AREA.
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